



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: D. Robert Lohn
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SUBJECT: END OF THE CATCHER/PROCESSOR WHITING SEASON

The National Marine Fisheries Service has announced that the 78,903 metric ton allocation of whiting for the catcher/processor sector in 2005 is projected to be taken by 1800 local time (l.t.) October 18, 2005. Therefore, the following action is taken in accordance with the regulations at 50 CFR 660.373(b):

Effective 1800 l.t., October 18, 2005:

(1) Further taking and retaining, receiving or at-sea processing of whiting by a catcher/processor is prohibited. No additional unprocessed whiting may be brought on board after at-sea processing is prohibited, but a catcher/processor may continue to process whiting that was on board before at-sea processing was prohibited.

We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed of your performance, and welcome voluntary reports of your activities to the end of the season.

This facsimile communication serves as official notice of the closure.

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